

ALMA LOSES TO MT. PLEASANT

Local Team Had Game Won Until Visitor's Ninth Inning Rally

LONG HITS FEATURED GAME

Alma Has Well Balanced Team and Merits the Support of Every Local Fan

By the scant margin of a solitary run the Alma City team was defeated by the Mt. Pleasant Normal baseball men on Davis Field, Monday afternoon, before a fair sized holiday crowd in a rattling good game, replete with hard hitting and lots of excitement. The hitting honors for the day went to the visiting players, who secured nine safe hits to six for the home hopes. Four of Alma's hits were bunched in the one inning, other wise Alma would have been satisfied with nothing much better than a shut-out, for luck was entirely with Mt. Pleasant.

Harry Helmar whose baseball star shone luminously for Alma College, some six years back, pitched for Mt. Pleasant and must be given credit for harmonizing beautifully, pitching with pure luck. Buckhart pitched for Alma and did very well though touched up for nine hits. Captain Bates whose guiding hand has had much to do with the early season successes of the team was unable to be present to play. This weakened the playing strength of Alma considerably though his substitute Clifford Steggle filled his shoes very nicely. The latter was the only Alma man to secure more than one hit, two of them falling to his lot. Wood was in the Alma lineup for the first time this season and played a fine game, securing a double in three times at bat. Johnson hit out the longest drive of the fray getting three bases on it.

A single by Page, double by Wood, triple by Johnson and a single by Steggle, following in quick succession were responsible for four of Alma's runs. Burkhardt kept the visitors' hits well scattered though glaring errors on the part of his teammates made a victory impossible. Alma was guilty of seven misplays in the field; Mt. Pleasant erred thrice.

Considering the fact that the big celebration of the county was being held in Ithaca, a very large crowd saw the game. The contest itself was not lacking in thrills though repeated misplaying on the part of the Alma players somewhat dampened the enthusiasm of their backers.

The team is playing good baseball now and with the advance of the season and a more generous response of loyalty on the part of the fans, Alma should have a winning team and one of which she may well be proud. Manager Ruggles of the Republic Motor Truck Co. is allowing all men who work at the Republic plant and are members of the team to be laid off on game days and has promised the team his heartiest support.

ALMA

	ab.	h	o
Smith, ss.	3	0	0
Page, 2b.	4	1	1
Wood, cf.	3	1	3
Johnson, 1b.	4	1	16
Reynolds, c.	4	1	5
Steggles, 3b.	4	2	1
Burkhart, p.	4	0	1
J. Barry, rf.	4	0	0
G. Barry, lf.	4	0	0
	33	6	27

MT. PLEASANT

	ab.	h	o
Fuller, ss.	5	0	2
Keity, 3b.	5	1	0
Tooy, 1b.	5	1	1
Vanderbelt, 2b.	3	0	1
Helmer, p.	3	2	0
Crandell, rf.	4	1	2
Chapman, c.	4	2	8
Von Hoser, cf.	4	2	4
Renick, 1b.	2	0	9
	35	9	27

Runs: Tooy 2, Keity, Helmar, Chapman, VonHosen, Page, Wood, Johnson, J. Barry, G. Barry.

Errors: Fuller, Vanderbelt, Helmar, Renick, G. Barry 2, Smith 2, Reynolds 2, J. Barry.

Two base hits—Wood, Helmer. Three base hits—Johnson. Umpire, Charles Goggin.

OBITUARY

Emerson McCoy was born in Ohio, May 31st, 1852. He moved with his parents when a small boy to a place near St. Johns and in 1887 was married to Mary Adella Baldwin. His wife died in 1902. Following her death he lived with his small children and in 1907 was married to May McClaren of Ithaca, who survives him.

The deceased was a conscientious Christian, true to his principles and faithful in the performance of every duty. He was a member of the 1st. Christian Church of Alma and will be greatly missed in the fellowship of that church.

Five children are left to mourn their loss, Walter of Newark, Hazel of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Margie of Ithaca, Inez of Alma, and Mrs. William Fuller of Springfield, Illinois. These with the wife and three sisters, the children and a host of friends, are left to mourn the loss of such a fine character. He died June 30th at the age of sixty two years and one month.

FORD TRACTOR READY SOON

Dearborn Celebrates in Honor of Big Industry To Be Established There

Dearborn, one of the suburbs of Detroit, held a big celebration of its own on the Fourth, but the observation of Independence Day was of far less importance than the observation of the coming Ford Tractor Day, when that machine will come to revolutionize farm work and incidentally build up Dearborn, from a small suburb to a good sized city in itself. The work of constructing buildings for the new plant will begin very soon.

This Ford Tractor of which so much is expected both by its inventor Mr. Ford and by the automobile world at large is expected to cost about two hundred fifty dollars and will do almost everything on the farm except pick potato bugs. The small son will still have to officiate at this task between swimmin' spells.

One of the Detroit dailies had the following to say of the Sunday celebration by Dearborn people in honor of Mr. Ford:

"We will make these with all kinds of wheels—every kind that's needed for every kind of work," said Mr. Ford, who was no longer the squatting Dearborn villager, but the lecturer of his friends, and the center of the whole scene. "We put rubber wheels on that one when we sent it down to Toledo a couple of weeks ago."

"What? Not wheels of rubber?" "Sure; just take off those lugs and put on rubber ones. Perfectly simple." The crowd saw that it was.

"Won't the motor stop?" The tractor was now doing an exhibition of ground and lofty hill-climbing, across obstructions, and around gullies. It plowed right through a tract of marsh knee-deep in water.

"Here, bring it up here again," ordered the tractor's creator, and the machine came obediently to him, though he was standing only forty feet from it and twenty feet above it. Engineers would have called it a fifty per cent gradient. "Some hill-climbing," declared Dearborn.

The tractor came to a tree and stopped. "Don't stop the motor," directed Mr. Ford. "Twenty horse-power, you know," he added, in an aside to an incredulous farmer.

The tractor stopped but the rear wheels dug into the earth. Dug and dug into it, until the tractor was actually burying itself in a grave of its own digging. Clods flew behind it in clouds, and the sweet smell of the new turned virgin earth reached the nostrils of the thousands gathered there.

Then Mr. Ford made his three new announcements. The first is that if the United States government doesn't see fit to deepen and widen the River Rouge immediately for his \$25,000,000 plant where iron ore on his own ship bottoms will be turned into motors and machinery, he himself will do this colossal work out of his own pocket.

The second is that the moving pictures which A. B. Jewett took of the tractor at work during the afternoon will be shown at the White House privately before President Wilson and members of his family. This has been arranged through Secretary Tumulty. Mr. Ford wants to show Mr. Wilson just how badly a wider and deeper river is needed, without red-tape frills, for the needs of his high new enter-

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BRILLIANT PROGRAM FOR CHAUTAUGUA

Finest Talent Ever Secured Makes 1915 Chautauqua Best Ever

ALICE NEILSON WILL SING

Famous Prima Donna Will Delight Alma People With Some Rare Singing

The Redpath Chautauqua program announced for our city this season, in both music and lectures, will eclipse all former ones. The fact that Alice Neilson, prima donna soprano of the Metropolitan and Boston Opera Companies, is to sing, is worthy of the widest mention. This is the first time so noted an artist has appeared on any Chautauqua circuit and the musical journals have been devoting a great deal of space to the announcement as indicating the new field represented on Chautauquas for the most famous musical artists.

Alice Neilson is known both in Europe and America as one of the greatest singers of this generation. She is a Southern woman, having been born in Nashville Tenn., and the South is rightly proud of her world-wide successes.

Miss Neilson is said to be the only great artist who has made a success in grand opera after having first made a reputation in light opera. After appearing as prima donna of the Bostonians, and later touring with her own light opera company in both this country and in Europe, she suddenly decided to devote herself to grand opera. She made her grand opera debut in Italy and won immediate success. More will be published in these columns about Miss Neilson in later issues.

Another innovation on this year's program is represented in the modern play—"The Servant in the House," by Charles Rann Kennedy, which is to be presented with William Owen in the title role. Heretofore all Chautauqua plays have been mostly from Shakespeare or of other historic origin.

William Owen, who heads the "Servant in the House" company, was for twelve years at the head of his own company. At the age of twenty-three he was playing "Mephistopheles" for Lewis Morrison in "Faust." He took Mr. Morrison's part in this play for six months. He has appeared in nearly all Shakespearean roles. He has played the part of David Garrick in "David Garrick" and Ingomar in "Ingomar." He played a leading role with Julia Marlowe in McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, and in the original role of "Josephine, Empress of the French," appeared with Rhea, the great French actress, in Broadway Theatre, New York.

Band Day will be given the usual prominence with concerts both afternoon and evening. Francesco Pallaria the leader of this year's band, attended the Milan Conservatory, Milan, Italy at the early age of nine years. At nineteen he graduated and soon after became soloist in one of the bands of Naples. Later he was director of the band at Philadelphia, Italy. Coming to New York he organized his own band. For four years he played in the band of the Battleship Kansas of the United States Navy.

Dr. Charles E. Barker, physical director of President Taft during his administration in Washington, is to lecture on this season's Chautauqua program on "How to Live a Hundred Years." He will give a demonstration of the physical exercises in which he instructed President Taft and many other men prominent in national life. Montraville Wood, well known scientist and inventor, is to give some wonderful demonstrations in a program of three parts on "Popular Science" night, in which he will be assisted by his daughter.

Ex-Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska, recently elected to Congress after a most remarkable campaign, will speak on the sixth day upon "Political Patriotism." This will be known as "Patriotic Day."

Frank Dixon, the widely known lecturer, brother of Tom Dixon who wrote the "Leopard Spots," and of Dr. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Spurgeon church in London, will deliver his vital and highly entertaining lecture on

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REV. KENNEDY ILL

Rev. Jos. Kennedy was taken seriously ill quite suddenly last week, Thursday night. The attack was pronounced appendicitis, and on account of the seriousness of the attack it was decided that an operation was necessary. Saturday afternoon, Dr. Hall of Pompeii, performed the operation assisted by Dr. H. F. Ferguson. This was a success in every way and the reverend gentleman has been doing as well as could be expected. Troubles never come singly is evidenced by the fact that Mrs. Kennedy has been having the mumps.—Carson City Gazette.

Rev. Joseph Kennedy graduated from Alma College this year and is at present, pastor of the Congregational church of Carson City.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chas. G. Rhodes, Director, School Dist. No. 1, Frac. Twp., Aracada and Pine River

Incidental Fund	
Debit Balance	428.86
Disbursements	
Water Tax	243.73
Laundry	37.83
Janitors Services	1820.00
Lighting	65.94
Coal	1163.79
Athletics	56.73
Printing	82.75
Truancy Service	25.00
Service in Office	50.00
Telephones	65.26
Tuning Piano	6.50
Institute Fees	13.50
Officers Salaries	236.00
Commencement Speaker	25.00
Work-Diplomas	5.00
Papers, Sundry items	775.10
Papers Drawing	465.44
Books	574.10
Janitors Supplies	1750.50
	7891.03

Received Voted Tax	9000.00
Credit Balance	1108.97
	9000.00 9000.00

Library Fund	
Debit Balance	3.70
Disbursements	20.00
Received Tax	47.79
Credit Balance	24.09
	47.79 47.79

General Fund	
Credit Balance	8556.00
Disbursements	
New Boiler	650.11
Repairs	897.93
Repairing Well	21.80
Insurance	205.35
Bonds	6240.00
Bonds Interest	2925.00
Taking Census	45.40
Seats, Adding machine	92.00
Weather Strips	79.52
Electric Lights	55.95
Interest	35.00
Bal. Clock System	75.00
Transferred to Teachers Wag's Fund	4500.00
	15828.06

Received	
Voted Tax	4894.46
Tuition	2042.95
M. Training material	194.01
Bookkeeping sets	43.75
Book Covers	24.00
Locker Fees	6.50
Books	88.21
Institute Fees	4.65
Fines	101.95
Stove	4.00
Paper	174.57
Sundry Items	124.82
	16263.87
Credit Balance	440.81
	16263.87 16263.87

Teachers Wages Fund	
Debit Balance	4539.20
For Teachers Wage	19250.13
Rec'd from Gen'l Fund	4500.00
Voted Tax	11000.00
Mill Tax	2939.63
Primary	6169.90
Credit Balance	820.20
	24609.53 24609.53

Bldg. Sites and Repair Fund	
Credit Balance	364.53
Disbursements	88.89
Credit Balance	275.64
	364.53 364.53
Total Receipts	50285.72
Total Disbursements	47616.01
	2669.71

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO TOLEDO

Via THE ANN ARBOR RAILROAD On Sunday July 11th., the Ann Arbor Railroad will run an excursion to Toledo by special train. Call or phone agents regarding particulars. 1895-1x

Francis King has purchased a new Briscoe car.

RINGLING CIRCUS WELL ATTENDED

Over Twenty Thousand See Performance Wednesday Afternoon And Night

BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE

Alma Entertains Big Crowd To One of The Best Circuses Ever Seen in This City

If the universal opinion of between twenty and twenty five thousand people is a fair criterion, the two performances of Ringling Bros. circus in Alma was a huge success—outside of the weather. At the afternoon performance the big tent was packed to the doors and scarcely a single seat was vacant. The capacity of it is sixteen thousand. At night, in spite of the terrific rainstorm in the afternoon and early evening there was a fair sized crowd in the tent though there were a lot of empty seats.

The unloading of the trains was a big drawing card. People began to come in from the country during the evening before and continued in numbers until several thousand had gathered beside the railroad tracks. The first of the four trains arrived in Alma about four thirty o'clock, the remaining trains arriving at intervals of about an hour's time. In all there were eighty five double length cars.

The parade began at ten o'clock and continued for an hour. It was rather long and unwieldy for Alma's streets but it could not have a more appreciative audience in any place than it had here. The streets along the line of the parade were packed from store front to curb for several blocks. The circus of Ringlings' seemed to have more elephants than they have had previously though no more animals of other sorts.

The early arrangements such as unloading, raising of the 'big white top' were carried off with the same beautiful precision which always marks the work of circus forces.

Unlike previous performances given by Ringlings' in Alma, there was a big outstanding feature which was played up to unusual importance and which was very effective in production. This feature was a reproduction of Solomon's court and the visit of the Queen of Sheba. The center of the north side of the section usually devoted to seats was taken up by a big platform on which Solomon and several hundred members of his court were seated. The costumes and makeups were gorgeous and when the spotlight was turned on them the effect was quite striking. The scene in the Bible where the two women dispute the motherhood of the child and the wisdom and judgement of the Hebrew king is brought to a test, was first depicted. The scene where the queen visits his court, was then shown. The dancing of the several hundred girls was especially good and provoked round after round of applause.

The acrobatic, trapeze work and all work of that sort was done well though the bareback and saddle back horse riding was hardly as good as usual. During the entire three hours of the afternoon's entertainment a heavy rain fell making it very disagreeable for the big crowd. Jitneys were in big demand and umbrellas were so.

Taking it all in all Ringlings' was a big success from beginning to end and their next visit to Alma will be cordially received.

NOTICE

The annual school meeting will be held in new high school, Monday evening July 12th., 1915, eight p.m. Charles G. Rhodes, Sec'y.

ADVERTISED LIST

Alma, Mich., July 5th, 1915 Advertiser list for week ending July 5th, 1915.

Mr. Alex H. Brown, Mr. Walter E. Kellicut, Mr. Geo. Roach, Mr. F. T. Smith, The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office July 19th, 1915.

V. P. Cash, Postmaster.

EASTERN STAR CELEBRATES

Past Matrons' and Patrons' Day was observed by over eighty members and guests of the Eastern Star lodge at their hall Friday evening. It was undoubtedly the best meeting and entertainment which this lodge has ever held, not only in point of attendance but in respect to the fine social time which all enjoyed.

Eleven former Patrons and Matrons of the Eastern Star lodge were present among the number being Mrs. Simon Messenger, the first Worthy Matron of the local organization, Mrs. E. Mesdames, F. A. Gill, Ezra Smith, Andy Hall, Isaac Russell, Percy Smith and Messrs Pollasky, George Gulick, past Worthy Patrons and also Mr. Henry Montague past Grand Master of the state organization and Mrs. E. H. Doane present Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star.

Two new members were initiated into the lodge. Messrs Vern Wright and John Chick and Mrs. Mey, rendered very beautiful solos. Following this refreshments of sandwiches and coffee, ice cream and cake were served. These were served by the present officers.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Ithaca And Crystal Lake Have Good Programs 3rd. and 5th.

Alma people had golden opportunities to celebrate the Fourth with a program of sport at Crystal Lake on the third of July, one at Ithaca, on the fifth of July and with numerous lakes and rivers within easy driving distance. The opportunities for recreation were as numerous as the various tastes to be considered. The feature of the celebration at Crystal was to have been an aeroplane flight. Consequently when it was announced on the morning of the third, that the machine had been disabled during a flight on the previous week, the bottom rather dropped out of the day's fun, there. However aeroplane or no aeroplane the lake itself was sufficient source of enjoyment to the big crowd which thronged the resort town.

Somewhat of an encore celebration was given at Crystal on the Fourth of July when nearly as large a crowd as on the day before was present.

Ithaca was the scene of the joint tri-city celebration. The program for the day was well arranged and as well carried out. The country seat 'Fourth' management should be given their full credit for their work. The feature of the morning part of the program was the baseball game which was won by Ithaca, by the score of 2 to 0. Ed. Johnson the Alma Independent first baseman, pitched for Ithaca and let the Lansing Reds down with one hit. In the afternoon, Ithaca defeated the same team 4 to 1.

The new motor truck fire engine which the Republic people have built, and are offering for sale to the city, was driven over and exhibited. It made an unmistakable 'hit'. The Ithaca people were fully as enthusiastic about it as were the Alma people when it was exhibited in this city, Saturday afternoon.

Pine and Bass Lake were scenes of several Fourth picnics while many left the city to spend the day or week end at Saginaw, Grand Rapids and other cities.

SALVATION ARMY PROGRESSING FINELY

Three months ago, Captain and Mrs. Lamont met on the corner of State and Superior streets for the first time without any converts. Last Sunday there were gathered with them seventeen new members of the army, in a big open air meeting. On the same evening three more joined the ranks. This is a remarkably fine record but is a natural consequence in view of the splendid work which the Captain and his wife are doing and the strong sympathy which they are showing to the less fortunate.

Alma people are cooperating splendidly in the work of the Army but if the efforts of the Captain are to be of the best advantage, greater means must be placed at their disposal.

Captain Ward of Hillsdale is assisting the Alma leaders in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunningham, their son and his wife and two children of Winter Haven, Florida, and Mrs. Otto Scott of Breckenridge spent Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard.

ELI BROWN PASSES AWAY

Big Crowd Attends Funeral of Well Known Postoffice Employee Sunday

IN ILL HEALTH FOR OVER YEAR

Well Known And Beloved Mail Carrier Lived Most Useful Life, Was A Devoted Husband And Father

Following an illness of nearly a year and several years of ill health, Elihu L. Brown, one of the most popular and well liked men in the mail service, died at his home two miles north of the city, Friday evening at seven o'clock. The end came unexpectedly, for until the last few days previous to his death Mr. Brown seemed to be improving in health and at one time three weeks ago was able to drive his mail wagon. The cause of his death was Bright's disease, aggravated by heart trouble.

Mr. Brown came to Alma twelve years ago as an employee in the post-office department. Until four years ago he worked in the office but at that time he was forced to give up his position because of the confining work and was transferred to the rural branch. He was always one of the best liked men in the office where the kind word, cheery smile and an infinite amount of tact are such important factors in the best work of the department. Here he was in his element. Popular in the city mail work he was even more popular in the rural service. He was beloved universally by the patrons on Route 4 and his passing away caused a wave of genuine sorrow which testified to the high regard and respect in which he was held and to the strong hold which he had always maintained in the affections of his patrons.

Elihu L. Brown was born at Dobbs Ferry, New York, March 16, 1855. When he was one year old his mother died. He moved with his father to Leslie, Michigan. His father was superintendent of the schools in that city for two years, going from there to St. Johns. At Williamston where his father moved some years later he attended the public schools. Following this he taught schools for twenty years. While there he was united in marriage to Jane Ball. From this union two sons were born, Wayne and Erie. Six years after this marriage, his wife died.

December 24th., 1893 Mr. Brown was married to Mary Hale of Lake City and to this union were born a son Ivan and a daughter Beulah.

Twelve years ago he accepted a position in the local postoffice as a civil service man. Though the direct cause of his death was Bright's disease, overwork had much to do with it, as at no time during his years of work for the department did he take a real vacation.

He was most devoted to his family and subordinated every personal pleasure and thought to theirs. Undoubtedly more consideration of his own needs would have done much to maintain his health and offset the ravages of the disease. His religion meant nothing more than that the love of men is the love of God and service and sacrifice rendered to his fellow men the best expression of the soul.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock though a very brief service was held at the home out on Wright avenue. The church was well filled and the coffin heaped with flowers of every kind. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Priest who had delivered the prayer at the short home service. Rev. Frank J. Jackson delivered a most impressive prayer, appropriately worded and beautifully expressed. The clerks of the local postoffice to whom he had been such a loyal friend, wore the pall bearers. The Baptist choir furnished the choral music while the Philanthia society and ladies aid society furnished many flowers. John Chick sang a beautiful solo.

Mr. Brown leaves a wife, three sons Wayne and Ivan of Alma and Erie of Lansing, a daughter Mrs. Edward Lane of Lansing, four brothers, Charles F. of Alma, George R. of Otego, Fred of Prairieville, Edwin of Mari-copa, California, and one sister Lou Belle of Otego and innumerable friends to mourn their loss.